(c) if so, the steps are being taken by Government to curb such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A limited number of non-CSD items as per requirements, are introduced in Canteens/stores by following the prescribed procedure.

(c) The report submitted by the Board of Inquiry constituted by NHQ to look into the alleged mis-appropriation from Naval canteen by staff is under consideration.

Skirmishes with infiltrators and neighbouring countries in defferent borders

† 321. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the skirmishes with infiltrators and neighbouring countries on various borders of the country during the last three months;

(b) the details of the total loss of lives and property; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken to stop almost daily skirmishes on the border?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) There has been no confrontation along the border during the last three months (1st August to 31st October, 2001) except along the Line of Control in J & K. As per available record, a total of 250 infiltrators/terrorists have been killed in J & K LoC Sector. During the same period, 11 Indian Army Personnel were killed and 17 Army personnel were wounded on account of direct action (firing or otherwise) in this Sector.

Adequate steps have been taken to prevent/restrict infiltration from across the Line of Control. All routes of ingress/infiltration are

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being guarded and patrolled by troops deployed on ground.

Strike by DRDO employees in Dehradun against scrapping of defence projects and corruption

322. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that employees of DRDO in Dehradun have gone on indefinite strike to protest ihe scrapping of some defence projects and alleged corruption in defence reserved projects in the recent past;

(b) if so, the actual position in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the charges made by the employees?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Opening of new Sainik schools

† 323. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to establish new Sainik schools;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the names of such States wherein Government propose to open the said schools?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE .(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 29 requests from State Governments, M.Ps/VIP have been

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